

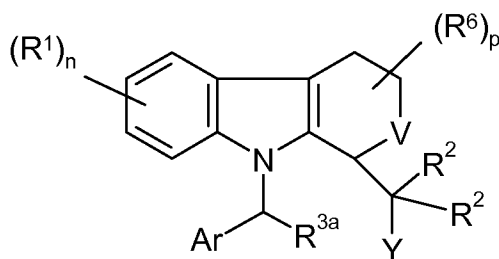
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A compound ~~according to claim 5~~ having formula III:



III

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

V represents a bond, CH₂ or CH₂CH₂;

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

each R¹ is independently selected from nonaromatic hydrocarbon groups of up to 6 carbon atoms and (CH₂)_q-W where q is 0, 1 or 2 and W represents halogen, CN, CF₃, OR⁴, N(R⁴)₂, SR⁴, CO₂R⁴, tetrazole, CON(R⁴)₂, SO₂N(R⁴)₂, COR⁵, OCOR⁵ or phenyl or heteroaryl either of which optionally bears up to 3 substituents selected from halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, OH, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkylthio or C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl;

R^{3a} represents a hydrocarbon group containing from 2 to 10 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with halogen, CF₃, C₁₋₄alkoxy or C₁₋₄alkylthio;

R⁴ represents H or a hydrocarbon group of up to 7 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with halogen, CN, CF₃, OH, C₁₋₄alkoxy or C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl; or two R⁴ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom may complete a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

R⁵ represents R⁴ that is other than H;

R⁶ represents C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl or phenyl, benzyl or heteroaryl, said phenyl, benzyl or heteroaryl optionally bearing up to 3 substituents selected from halogen, CN, CF₃, OCF₃, OR⁴, CO₂R⁴, COR⁵, OCOR⁵ and C₁₋₄alkyl;

p is 0, 1 or 2; and

Y represents CO₂H, Ar represents 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, and both R² groups represent H[[,]]

~~with the proviso that R¹ does not represent SOR⁴ or SO₂R⁴.~~

Claims 8 to 13 (Canceled)